

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims

1-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 ~~26~~, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

28. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 ~~26~~, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the restriction ~~for~~ of the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

29. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 ~~26~~, wherein the special section ~~a section, to which a restriction for the special playback applies,~~ is described on a per segment basis.

30. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 ~~26~~, wherein the license information manages the content key and the usage condition as a pair.

31. (Currently Amended) A content distribution server, comprising:

a license information generator that generates license information containing a content key and a usage condition;

a content storage that stores content;

a content encryptor that generates encrypted content by encrypting the content stored in the content storage by the content key;

a playback control information generator that generates playback control information describing a special section subject to in the encrypted content and restriction information ~~describing a restriction of~~ for a special playback of the content in the special section; and

a communicator that transmits the license information generated in the license information generator, the encrypted content generated in the content encryptor, and the playback control information ~~and restriction information~~ generated in the playback control information generator,

wherein, ~~in the usage condition,~~ the license information generator includes, in the usage condition, information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback in the special section ~~allowing only a playback based on the playback control information describing a special section in the encrypted content and the restriction information describing a playback mode of the special section.~~

32. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 31, wherein the communicator transmits the license information as a pair of comprising the content key and the usage condition.

33-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim ~~39~~ 34, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

36. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim ~~39~~ 34, wherein the restriction ~~for~~ of the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

37. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim ~~39~~ 34, wherein the special section ~~a section to which a restriction for the special playback applies~~ is described on a per-segment basis.

38. (New) A content playback control method comprising:

storing in a memory, license information containing a content key and a usage condition and playback control information describing a special section subject to a restriction of a special playback of content in the special section;

decoding encrypted content using the content key only when the usage condition is met;

controlling a playback of the decoded content based on the playback control information;

determining whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback in the special section;

determining, when the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and an instruction to perform the special

playback is received, whether the special section includes a point at which the special playback is performed according to the playback control information; and

determining, when the special section includes the point at which the special playback is performed, the possibility/impossibility of the special playback for the decoded content.

39. (New) A content playback control terminal comprising:

a license information recorder that records license information containing a content key and a usage condition;

a playback control information recorder that recodes playback control information describing a special section subject to a restriction of a special playback of content;

a content decoder that decodes encrypted content using the content key and plays the decoded content based on the playback control information;

a license information processor that passes the content key to the content decoder only when the usage condition is met; and

a playback control information processor that controls the playback of the content in the content decoder based on the playback control information, wherein:

wherein the license information processor determines whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback;

when the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and an instruction to perform the special playback is received, the playback control information processor determines whether the special section includes a point at which the special playback is performed; and

when the special section includes the point at which the special playback is performed, the playback control information processor determines the possibility/impossibility of the special playback for the decoded content and instructs the content decoder.